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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE FOR ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION

REF: A. BRASILIA 4327; B. STATE 071437

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED NOTE FROM THE BRAZILIAN  
FONMIN OFFICIALLY INFORMING THAT PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION  
HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR ALPHA HELIX TO CONDUCT EXPEDITION IN  
BRAZIL. FREE TRANSLATION OF THE TEXT OF THE NOTE FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS PRESENTS ITS COM-  
PLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THAT THE SCIENTIFIC EXPEDITION  
TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAN VESSEL ALPHA HELIX TO THE  
AMAZON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
DECREES 63164 OF 1968 AND 65057 OF 1969, HAVING IN VIEW THE  
FACT THAT SUBJECT EXPEDITION IS NOT LINKED TO THE EXPEDITION  
IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA (SIC). THUS, THE MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS FEELS THAT ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION  
PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CLARIFIES THE  
ERROR CONCERNING THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE ALPHA HELIX  
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STUDY AND THE CICAR EXPEDITION, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE

THAT THE NOTES CONTAINED IN THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CICAR PROGRAM OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANOGRAPHIC COMMISSION OF UNESCO BE CORRECTED. IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ACTION WHICH MAY BE TAKEN BY NORTH AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WITH THE COI/CICAR TO MAKE THE ABOVE MENTIONED CORRECTION, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS ATTACHING A COPY OF THE ADDITIONAL SCHEDULE TO CICAR CIRCULAR SSCH/2171 OF MAY 1975, WHICH INCLUDES THE ALPHA HELIX EXPEDITION TO THE AMAZON IN THE CARIBBEAN AREA. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FURTHER INFORMS THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN THAT, ON THE BRAZILIAN SIDE, THE EXPEDITION MUST BE CONDUCTED UNDER THE GENERAL COORDINATION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT (CNPQ) AND MUST HAVE AN OBSERVER FROM THE NAVY MINISTRY ON BOARD. BRASILIA, MAY 17, 1976."

2. BOTH THE TEXT OF THE FONMIN NOTE, AND COPY OF THE CICAR AREA INTERNATIONAL SHIP SCHEDULE FOR 1976 (ADDITION TO CIRCULAR SSCH/2171), WHICH SHOWS THAT THE ALPHA HELIX IS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT STUDIES IN BELEM AND MANAUS DURING THE PERIOD 5/14-12/31/76 ARE BEING POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

3. A CNPQ OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE AUTHORIZATION FOR ALPHA HELIX TO CONDUCT STUDIES IN BRAZIL WAS GRANTED THROUGH A SPECIAL ORDER BY THE PRESIDENT UPON RECOMMENDATION BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL. HE FURTHER INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THE CNPQ ALSO PLANS TO HAVE AN OBSERVER ON BOARD FOR EACH PHASE OF THE STUDY.  
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